THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) No, Sir. The two regions pose quite different problems and hence the question of giving priority to one over the other does not arise.

(b) A large number of seminars have been organised both on Himalayan glaciers, and on Antarctica. In these Seminars many papers have been presented for furthering the knowledge of both Antarctica and the Himalayas, with special reference to their glaciers.

Extradition treaty with United Kingdom

*179. SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present stage of consideration of extradition treaty with United Kingdom;

(b) whether there is any hitch in finalising the treaty, if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) by when the treaty is likely to be signed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH). (a) and (b) Since Januar, 1986 legal exports of India and the UK met on four occasions to consider the provisions of a draft Extradition Treaty between the two countries. Although there has been considerable narrowing of differences, no acceptable draft has yet been finalised. The matter is still under consideration.

(c) As soon as a mutually acceptable formulation of the Treaty is finalised.

Integrated perspective transportation plan

*180. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:
SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Planning Commission has since prepared a perspective transportation plan integrated with the various sectors of the economy and incorporating emerging technologies; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) and (b) Planning Commission, recognising the need for a long-term planning in the transportation sector has initiated a process for the preparation of a perspective transportation plan duly integrated with the various sectors of the economy. In planning for the future special emphasis is being placed on technological upgradation with a view to absorb emerging technologies and improve productivity and efficiency of the services. The Commission has set up a Steering Committee, which in turn has initiated several studies the results of which should provide the requisite input for their report and thus future planning.

Financial allocation to Andhra Pradesh State Electricity Board

@1011. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

@Previously Unstarred Question 591 transferred from the 2nd May, 1988.

(a) the financial allocation made to Andhra Pradesh State Electricity Board during the last three years, year-wise; and

(b) what financial assistance was sought by the Board during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI BIREN SINGH ENGTI): (a) No, Sir. The Planning Commission do not make Financial Allocation to Andhra Pradesh State Electricity Board.

(b) No request from Andhra Pradesh State Electricity Board for Financial Assistance during the last three years has been received in the Planning Commission.

Mismanagement in conducting of examination for section officers/assistants in CSIR

1012. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Federation of CSIR Employees and Workers' Unions' Associations, Chandigarh has submitted a representation on the 14th March, 1988 to the CSIR, New Delhi regarding alleged gross mismanagement in conducting of competitive examination for the posts of Section Officers/Assistants; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that CSIR has spent Rs. 1.25 crores in conducting the abovesaid examination;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Admit Cards to the candidates for the aforesaid examination were sent in advance as per the Advertisement given in the newspaper for the said examination;

(d) whether the inspecting officers/other officers attached to the examination work or appointed to conduct the said examination were in any way related to the candidates: and

(e) whether proper material for examination were distributed to the candidates in Delhi/Lucknow/Calcutta and Dhanbad Centres?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes, Sir. However, no specific irregularities were pointed out in the representation.

(b) No, Sir. The total expenditure on the examination will be around Rs. 45 lakhs only. As an amount of about Rs. 16 lakhs was collected as fee from candidates, the net expenditure will not be more than Rs. 30 lakhs approximately.

(c) There was some delay at the computer agency to whom the project was assigned to prepare admit cards. Their computer was closed down for a few days due to non-supply of electricity caused by a major fire in the neighbourhood. However, all the admit cards were issued to non-Delhi candidates before 15.8.87. Admit cards to Delhi candidates were despatched by 19.8.1987. In view of this, advertisements were inserted in all the leading newspapers published on 15.8.1987 from all over the country to inform those who may not have received admit cards due to postal delay etc. to contact an identified person at each Centre of examination. For candidates at Delhi Centre, an additional advertisement was published on 21.8.1987 in all leading newspapers of Delhi. In this addi-